

# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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**"I have not yet begun to fight!"**



## NEW LAW ASSURES HONORS FOR ALL VETS

*By Kristin E. Holmes, Inquirer Staff Writer*

Members of the military honor guard often dread the moment. Taps has been played, the salute has been raised, and the folded American flag must be presented to the grieving kin of a deceased veteran. "You have to take a deep breath," said Army Cpl. Wayne Tyson of Germantown, an honor-guard member. "Because, for that moment, you feel what they feel."

Such funerals are increasingly in demand today, and they are now required by law to be provided to families of deceased veterans who request it.

The mandate comes as affording those honors has become more difficult as the military downsizes, bringing base closures and reductions in active-duty personnel.

Adding to the problem is the high rate of veterans' deaths, especially among those who served in World War II. Of the nation's more than 25 million veterans, 1,500 to 1,700 die each day, said Steven Westerfield, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

Before the law was passed, military honors were provided whenever available, said Lt. Col. Catherine Abbott, a spokeswoman for the Department of Defense.

As of Jan. 1, the Defense Department committed to honor all those who served. Through May of this year,

the department has arranged 14,000 funerals, up from 9,000 at this time last year.

Veterans' honors can vary in degree and complexity. Participants can number anywhere from two to more than 20 service members, who provide a minimum of flag-folding and Taps. They can also perform up to a 21-gun graveside salute, act as pallbearers, and post a silent guard at each end of a coffin during the viewing.

"Honoring Those Who Served" is a program that provides at least two service members to perform the flag-

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RP2 Anthony Piloza checks in a returned book in the library. For library hours, see page 10. (Photo by JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

## NATIONAL NEWS

### BANS ON MILITARY RECRUITERS HURT ENLISTMENT EFFORTS

*By Rowan Scarborough, The Washington Times*

The San Francisco Unified School District bans military recruiters on campus as a protest against arms spending in general and the Pentagon's homosexual ban in particular. Up the coast, the Portland, Ore., school board takes the same stance.

In fact, over 1,000 high schools nationwide bar Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps recruiters from visiting students in school. The off-limits comes at a bad time for the armed forces. It is having a historically tough time attracting the number, and the quality, of recruits it needs. Barring recruiters from its No. 1 hunting ground only makes matters worse.

"That is where a large majority of our target audience is," said Lt. Steve Zip, spokesman for Navy Recruiting Command, which has added 1,700 recruiters and over 200 recruiting stations since the crunch began two years ago.

Legislation in its fiscal 2001 budget would require all school districts to permit recruiters on campus unless its board votes to enforce a ban. The language also sets out a procedure for the state governor, the secretary of defense and U.S. Department of Education to lobby recalcitrant school districts.

Elaine Koury, spokesman for the San Francisco Unified School District, said pressuring boards "might backfire on them."

She said the district does operate junior ROTC programs for 1,400 students and invites military personnel on campus for educational purposes. "We are not throwing the military out," she said. "We're throwing military recruiters out."

## BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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### \*THURSDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE\*

#### CHANNEL 2

1030 WHEEL OF FORTUNE

1100 CIVIL ACTION

1630 DAWSON'S CREEK

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER

1900 BINGO

2030 LOVE JONES

2230 SNAKE EYES

#### CHANNEL 6

1030 THAT 70'S SHOW

1100 MISTER ROBERTS

1630 ALMOST HEROES

1800 BASEKETBALL

2000 CRIME OF THE CENTURY

2200 THE NAKED AND THE DEAD

CINEMA AT SEA:

STAR WARS: EPISODE ONE

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### **NAVY DEVELOPING PLAN FOR SEA-BASED MISSILE DEFENSE**

*By Bill Gertz, The Washington Times*

The Navy is planning a ship-based national missile defense that offers flexibility and a deterrence factor to augment a land-based program to knock out incoming long-range missiles, according to a senior military official.

The senior military official spoke during an interview with *The Washington Times* for the first time about the Navy's developing concept of sea-based national missile defense. Missions will range from providing an early warning of a missile attack to a dedicated fleet of ships that could strike enemy missiles shortly after launch, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Internal studies have convinced senior admirals that the Navy can play a major role in supporting the developing land-based national missile defense.

Disclosure of the Navy's secret work on defenses against long-range missiles comes as President Clinton visits Russia to discuss amending the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty to permit the land-based system. Moscow so far has shown no willingness to allow treaty changes that would make the system legal under the 1972 treaty.

The sea-based national missile defense has been advocated by conservatives in Congress who see ship-mounted defenses as a more effective approach to missile defense than the treaty-constrained program of the Clinton administration.

The ABM Treaty bans development and deployment of a missile-defense system that protects all 50 states. It allows a single site

for protecting either the U.S. or Russian capital or a single offensive missile field.

The Russian ABM system rings Moscow. The United States has no fielded missile defense.

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folding ritual, present the flag to a family member, and play Taps (usually a recorded version).

"They kept this country free, and they are passing away, and it was an absolute tragedy for them to not have a military funeral," said Jack Gordon, a spokesman for the 99th Regional Support Command of the Army Reserves, based in Pittsburgh. "But somebody heard the bugle somewhere."

Honor-guard members, all volunteers over the age of 19, say they are often overwhelmed by the demand for their services.

"We've run into times when we have two to three each day, for eight days in a row," said Chief Master Sgt. Jim McNabb, who supervises the honor guard for the 913th Airlift Wing of the Air Force Reserves at Willow Grove.

But the men and women who perform this sad duty find it something of a calling. They serve at funerals that draw hundreds of mourners as well as ceremonies so small that the guard outnumbers those who have come to grieve.

"This is a way to give back," said Petty Officer Third Class Sean Bohanan, 31, a Navy technician who helps train the honor guard at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Willow Grove. "This is for the vets who fought the real wars. Compared to them, what we do is crap."

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### BEIJING SENDS MIXED MESSAGE TO TAIWANESE

*By John Pomfret, Washington Post Foreign Service*

China provided Taiwan with two visions of its future: emotional satisfaction and the prestige of a superpower or an island engulfed in "a sea of fire."

The mixed message came in twin editorials, one appearing in today's editions of the *People's Liberation Army Daily*, the principal newspaper of China's armed forces, and the other in an essay released tonight by the official New China News Agency that will be published in Tuesday's editions of the *People's Daily*, the government newspaper.

China's combination of threats and courtship reflect the confusion in Beijing following Chen Shui-bian's election as Taiwan's president. Chen has advocated Taiwan's independence from China in the past, and his election has thrown Beijing's

Taiwan policy apparatus into chaos, resulting in unclear signals over how it intends to deal with Chen.

In his inaugural address this month, Chen, 49, declined to accede to Beijing's demands that he embrace the principle that there is one China, of which Taiwan is a part.

China's message is not likely to resonate in Taiwan. The island is concerned that unification could mean forfeiting its democracy along with the unique culture that has evolved on Taiwan since the exiled Nationalist Party formed a government there in 1947. It also fears the dissolution of its economic advantage over Beijing. In Taipei, a family of four makes an average of \$40,000 a year. Around Beijing, it's about \$6,000.

## SPORTS

### NEW YORK KNICKS EVEN SERIES AT 2-2

*By Selena Roberts*

Patrick Ewing was unable to play in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals while Latrell Sprewell danced around on a bad foot, Marcus Camby leaped on a sore knee and Larry Johnson hung out on

the wing unencumbered by a chronically sore back. The Knicks had a remarkable 91-89 victory at Madison Square Garden, evening the four-of-seven-game series at two games apiece.

#### BASEBALL SCORES:

Anaheim 3	Cleveland 2
Baltimore 5	Tampa Bay 1
NY Yankees 4	Oakland 1
Texas 3	Detroit 2
Atlanta 1	Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 3	Arizona 0
San Francisco 7	Philadelphia 2
Colorado 8	Houston 7
Los Angeles 4	N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 10	Florida 4

#### TIGER WOODS CRUISES TO VICTORY

*By New York Times*

Starting the day with a six-stroke lead at the Memorial Tournament, Tiger Woods eased to a five-stroke victory over Ernie Els and Justin Leonard. Finishing at 269 (71-63-65-70), 19 under par, Woods bogeyed the final hole to fall one stroke short of the tournament record, 268, set by Tom Lehman in 1994.



## RAIDERS' ERIC TURNER DIES

*By Associated Press*

Eric Turner, the Oakland Raiders defensive back who was a two-time All-Pro during his nine seasons in the National Football League, died Sunday at a hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He was 31. The cause was apparently complications of abdominal cancer.



## Revolutionary Gator Of The Day



Airman Christopher M. Viera  
AIMD Department,  
IM04 Division  
Hometown: Niceville, Florida  
Qualification: Aviation Support  
Equipment Technician



*Sgt. Daniel Tulifua, 24, was born in Seattle but raised in American Samoa. At 17, he moved to Seattle again to join the Marines for a change of pace and a chance to travel. Now the 15th MEU(SOC) commanding officer's cook, he is proud of the customs taught to him as a child. "I learned to respect elders and those with experience," said Tulifua. "And hospitality, it is considered disrespectful back home if a neighbor walks by at meal time and you do not invite him to eat." (Photo by Cpl. William Hawkins.)*

Airman Viera performs preventive maintenance on material handling equipment encompassing 31 forklifts and more than 300 support equipment assets directly supporting the embarked ACE and 15th MEU. His outstanding workmanship and leadership by example have led to significant improvements in support equipment readiness and serves as a standard for his peers to emulate.



## Checking Account Management

For most people today, a checking account is a necessity. A check is one of the most convenient ways to transfer funds safely and to keep records of expenses. You have a responsibility to keep an accurate account of payments through your checking account.


To help you balance your account, just remember the simple word, "EASY."

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A dd deposits not on the statement  
S ubtract outstanding checks and get  
Y our balance minus any service charges.

### EXERCISE:

Below we have prepared an exercise which allows you to handle your own checking account. Use the enclosed materials and complete steps 1 through 9 to determine your ending statement balance. Then use the "EASY" method to balance your account.

Fill in this month's transactions on your register.

1. April 1 You opened a checking account at XYZ Credit Union with \$100.00 and ordered checks costing \$7.70 and a special cover costing \$6.50. You have received a book of starter checks until you receive your personalized check order.
  2. April 1 Wrote check #101 to the Navy Exchange for \$2.89 for snacks.
  3. April 2 Wrote check #102 at Uniform Shop for \$10.50 for ribbons.
  4. April 12 \$50.00 cash withdrawal at credit union.
  5. April 15 Deposited paycheck for \$450.00.
  6. April 15 Car payment of \$131.80 to XYZ Credit Union.
  7. April 17 Wrote check #103 to Trini's for haircut, \$14.00.
  8. April 23 Withdrew \$10.00 from ATM machine.
  9. April 28 ATM withdrawal at another bank \$20.00, (\$1.00 fee).
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Account Number	SSN	Statement Dates	Page
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**Statement of Account**

Your Name  
 123 Your Street  
 Your Town, ST 12345

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DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEBIT DEPOSIT TRANSFERABLE TRANSFER	LOAN PRINCIPAL INTEREST/FEES OTHER CHARGES	FINANCE CHARGE	BALANCE	
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AP05	SHARE DRAFT 101	2.89-				97.11
AP07	SHARE DRAFT 102	10.50-				86.61
AP12	WITHDRAWAL	50.00-				36.61
AP15	DEPOSIT	450.00				486.61
AP15	TRANSFER LOAN PAYMENT	131.80-				354.81
AP20	AMER BANK STAT CK ORDER	14.20-				340.61
AP23	AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE					
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AP28	AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE					
	04/28/97 AT 08:14:20	20.00-				310.61
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 123 Main Street  
 Your Town, US 12345  
 State: **CA**  
 Zip: **90210**  
 City: **ANYTOWN**  
 Phone: **213 555 1234**  
 XYZ Credit Union  
 NEW ACCOUNT

Your Name  
 123 Main Street  
 Your Town, UK 12345

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Amount in words DOLLARS

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Credit Union

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**Library hours of operation:**

Monday through Saturdays: 0900 to 2100

Sundays: 1500 to 2100

The Library always closes during all major drills such as General Quarters and Man Overboard.

**Ship's Company Personnel Office Customer Service Hours:**

Inport: 0800 to 1130 and 1330 to 1400

Underway: 0800 to 1100 and 1400 to 1600

**Disbursing Office hours:**

Inport:

Monday through Friday - 0830 to 1100 & 1300 to 1400

Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays

Underway:

Monday through Saturday - 0830 to 1100 & 1300 to 1500

Closed Sunday and holidays

**Crew's Barbershop hours:**

Underway:

0800-1100, 1300-1500, 1800-2000

Inport: 0900-1100

**Officer's Barbershop hours:**

Underway

0800-1100, 1300-1500, 1800-2000

**Self-Serve Laundry**

Underway: 2300 Last Load

Green: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
0600-2400

Blue: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday  
0600-2400

Monday- Closed for Maintenance

**Ship's Store Hours**

Underway:

Monday through Saturday 0900 to 2000

Sunday 1200 to 1500

In port:

Monday through Friday 0900 to 1100

**Ship's Laundry**

Underway:

Monday-Saturday 0730-2000

Sunday- Closed

**\*Gym Operating Hours\***

0400-0430 CLEAN UP

0430-0700 KHAKI ONLY

0700-1000 GREEN

1000-1300 BLUE

1300-1545 GREEN

1545-1615 CLEAN UP

1615-1900 BLUE

1900-0400 OPEN TO ALL HANDS



*Cpl. Jeremiah Mooney, 23, an intelligence systems administrator from San Diego, was born in Guam but moved with his family to the United States a year after his birth. His mother and brothers are Filipino. He is one of the many Asian Pacific Americans who are contributing to the defense of the U.S., just like the thousands before him. (Photo by Cpl. William Hawkins.)*